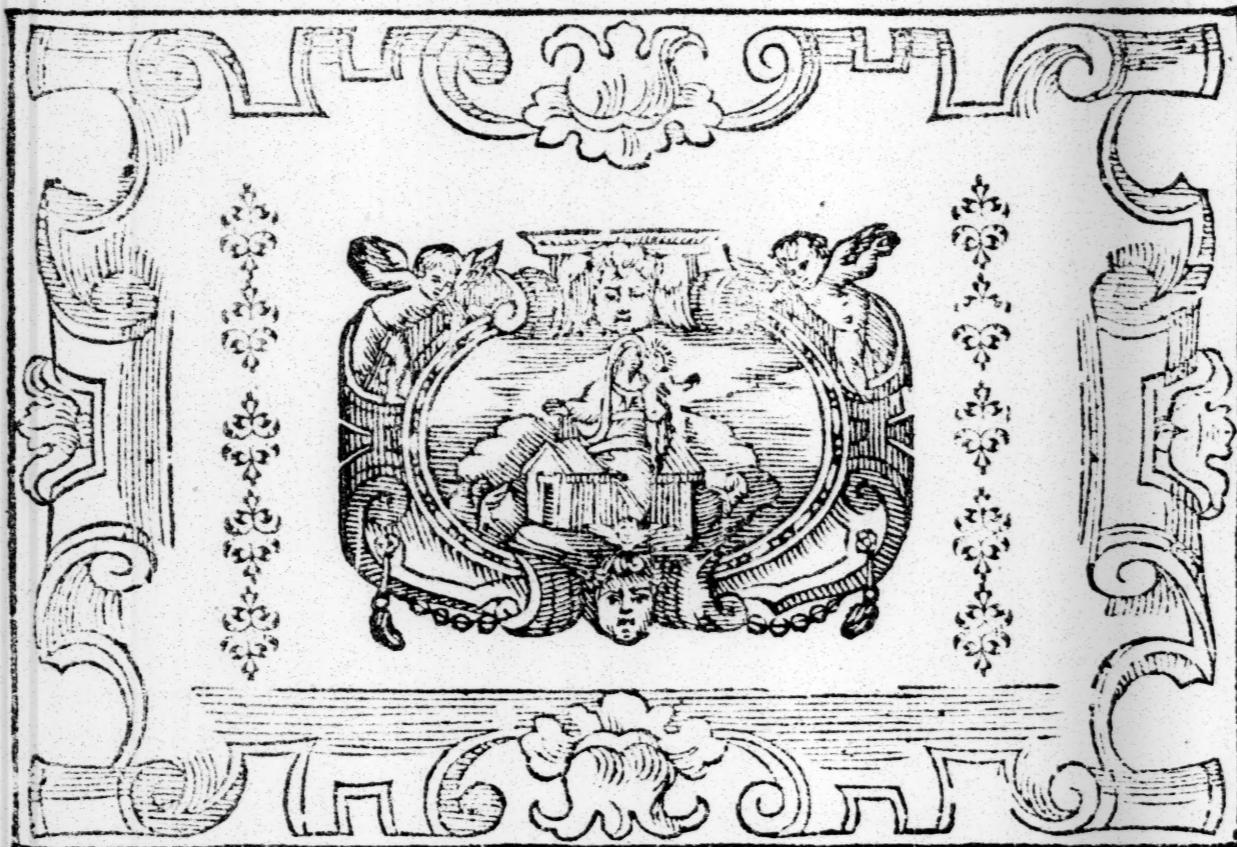


THE VVONDVS

FLITTINGE OF THE KIRK OF OVR

B. LEDY OF LORETO.



LHE Kirk of Laureto was a caumber of the house of the bleſt Virgin neir Ierusalē in the toun of Nazaret, in vvhile ſhe vvas borne and teende vp, and greeted by the Angel, and thairin also conceaſed and nouiſht har ſonne IESVS vvhil he vwas twalle zeare avvd. This caumber, after the Ascensione of our B. Seniour, vvas by the Apostles halloved and made a Kirk in honor of our B. Ledy, and S. Lyke framed a pictur to har varylynes thair zit to be feine. It vvas haunted vwith muelle deuotione by the folk of the land vvhā it ſtud, als lang as they vver Catholiks; Bot vvhān they forſeckte the Christen feth, and vvent after the errorre of Mahomet, the Angels rocket, and ſet it in Sclauonia by a toune nemmed Flumen; VVhar net being honored as it ſould, they tranſported it ouer ſea to a vwood in the bounds of Recanati, belaſtinge to a neble dame caſted Laureta, frae vvhēm it take it nem of our B. Ledy of Laureto; And thence agen, for cauſe of many theifries, to a hill of twa brothers, in the ſame bounds; And laſtly, for there ſtriuing for the gifts and oblations, to the high-roade neir-by, vvhā it zit ſtands meruellous for mirakels, and aboue ground vvhout foundatione; VVharat the indvellers of the toune of Recanati, vvhā cam aft to ſie it, meikle vwondring; bigged a great vwall about it; Zit caude ne man tel vvhcrefrae it cam first vvhil in the zeir M.CC.XC.VI. the B. V. in ſleipe reuelled it to a helly deuote man, and he telled it to diuers of aþority in this place, vvhē preſently refoluing to try the treuth of the viziene, decried to find cut faxteine parſons of credit, vvhēm they ſent altogather, to that end, to the toune of Nazaret, garring them to beare vvhith them the meſur of this Kirk, and to met it thair vvhith the foundatione vvhile vwas zet to the fore; They ſand them baith alike, and in a vwall thairby ingrauine, that it hed ſtud thair, and hed forgaune the place, and than, cuming back agen, declared the forſeide viziene to be trevv, and ſrac that tim fourth, it hes beine ſurly kend that this Kirk vvas the caumber of the B. V. vvharto Christens begun than, and hes euer after hed muelle deuotione, for that in it daily ſhe hes dun, and dus, many and many mirakel. Anefrier Paul de Silia an Eremit of muelle godlines, vvhā vwon in a cell neir-by this Kirk vvhare daily he vvent to mattins, ſeyd, that for ten zeirs, one the eight of September, tweye hours before day, he ſavve a light deſcend fren heauen vpon it, vvhile he ſeyd vvas the B. V. vvhā thair ſhavved har ſelfe one the feest of har birth. In prooſe of all vvhile, twa verteouſ men of the ſeyd toune of Recanati, many times auovved to me, Ruler of Terreman, and Gouernor of the forſeyd Kirk, as followveth: Ane of them, nemmed Paule Renalduci, affermed that his grandſyres grandſyre ſavve vvhān the Angels broght it ouer ſea, ſetting it in the forſeyd vwood, and hed aft frequented it thair; The other, nemmed Francis Prior, ſicklik ſeyd that his grandſyre, being a hunder and twvantie zeirs avvd, hed also meikle haunted it in the ſame place; and for a mere ſur testimony that it hed beine thair, he reported, that his grandſyres grandſyre hed a house beſide it vvhān he dwelled, and that in his deyēs it vvas beared by the Angels ſrac thence to the hill of the tweye brothers, vvhār they ſet it, as ſeyd is.

To the glorie of the meſt pure Virgin:

IN LORETO Per Francelco Serafini. M. DC. XXXV.

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